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BACKGROUND

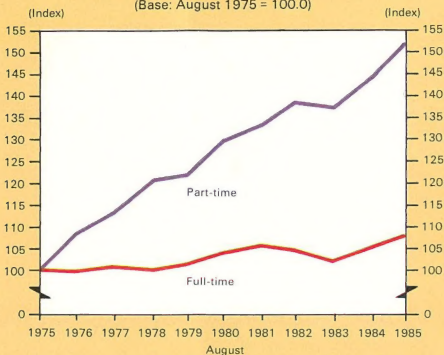
		1975	1985
POPULATION (30 June)			
Total civilian population	million	13.9	15.8
Aged 15 and over	"	10.1	12.0
LABOUR FORCE (August)			
Participation rates—males	%	80.5	75.5
—females	"	43.0	46.2
—persons	"	61.6	60.6
EMPLOYMENT (August)			
Employed persons—total	' 000	5,841.3	6,690.3
—males	"	3,820.6	4,102.8
—females	"	2,020.8	2,587.5
—full-time	"	5,046.8	5,439.2
—part-time	"	794.4	1,251.1
Employment/population ratio	%	58.8	55.8
Underemployed	' 000	75.7	232.8
UNEMPLOYMENT (August)			
Unemployed persons	' 000	278.4	567.6
Unemployment rate—males	%	3.5	7.8
—females	"	6.5	7.9
—persons	"	4.6	7.8
—aged 15-19	"	12.9	20.1
Average duration	weeks	12.7	49.5
JOB VACANCIES (August)	' 000	n.a.	52.4
HOURS OF WORK (August)			
Average weekly hours worked			
by employed persons	hours	36.9	35.8
—full-time	"	40.2	40.3
—part-time	"	15.6	15.9
Average overtime hours per employee	"	n.a.	1.2
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (June)			
Industrial disputes, days lost			
during year	' 000	3,957.3	1,305.8
Trade Union membership	"	2,834.2	3,154.2
		(Dec)	

		12 months to 1985 %	10 years to 1985 %
CHANGE IN WAGES AND PRICES			
Average weekly earnings, adult males	Dec. Qtr.	6.3	163.2
Award rates of pay index, wage earners, adult males	Nov.	6.5	147.4
Consumer price index, all groups	Dec. Qtr.	8.3	146.7

EMPLOYMENT

FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

(Base: August 1975 = 100.0)



Source: Monthly Population Survey

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS: PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT SECTORS, August.

	1975 %	1985 %
Private	70.8	68.1
Government—		
Commonwealth	8.2	8.0
State	18.2	21.0
Local	2.8	2.9
Total	29.2	31.9
Total	100.0	100.0

Sources: Survey of Employment and Earnings; Civilian Employees

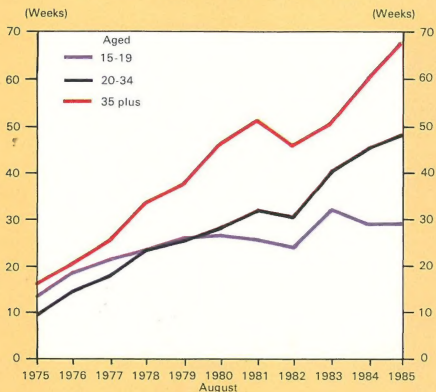
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS: INDUSTRY, August 1985

	'000	%
Mining	89.4	1.7
Manufacturing	1,028.8	19.1
Electricity, gas and water	139.3	2.6
Construction	252.4	4.7
Wholesale and retail trade	1,038.5	19.3
Transport and storage	284.1	5.3
Communication	133.6	2.5
Finance, property and business surveys	592.2	11.0
Public administration and defence	302.8	5.6
Community services	1,152.2	21.4
Recreation, personal and other services	365.3	6.8
Total	5,378.7	100.0

Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings

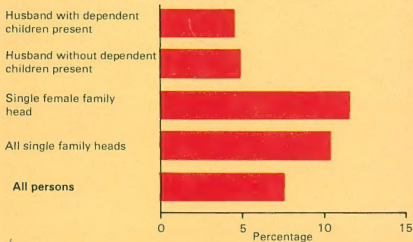
UNEMPLOYMENT

AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT



Source: Monthly Population Survey

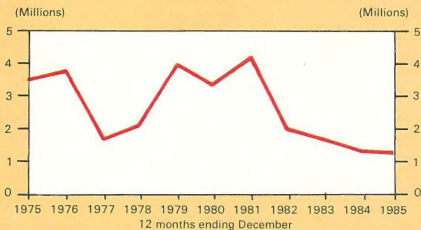
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES: FAMILY STATUS, JULY 1985



Source: Monthly Population Survey

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: WORKING DAYS LOST



Source: Monthly Census of Industrial Disputes

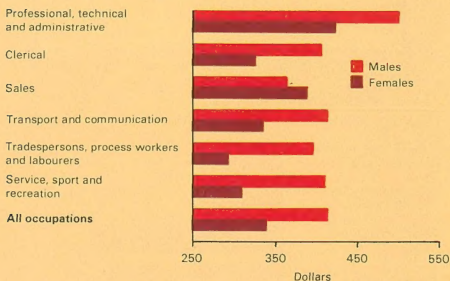
EARNINGS

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (\$)

		November	
	1983	1984	1985
All males	362.00	389.50	413.90
Full-time adult	394.10	427.30	453.60
All females	237.20	255.10	268.40
Full-time adult	303.90	333.50	353.70
All persons	311.30	335.40	355.60
Full-time adult	365.10	398.10	423.10

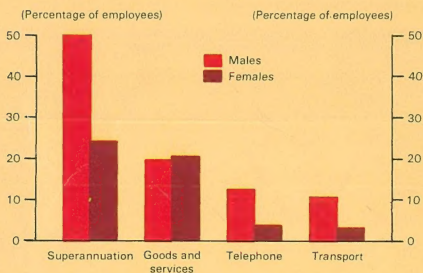
Source: Survey of Average Weekly Earnings

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS: FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES BY OCCUPATION, MAY 1985



Source: Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours

EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS RECEIVED, AUGUST 1985



Source: Monthly Population Survey, Supplementary Survey on Employment Benefits.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, 1985

	Population, June (million)	Civilian Employment, average for year (million)	Unemploy- ment rate, average for year (per cent)
Australia	15.8	6.7	8.2
U.S.A.	239.3	107.2	7.1
Japan	120.8	58.1	2.6
Germany (Fed. Rep.)	61.0	n.a.	8.6
United Kingdom	n.a.	23.9	13.2
Italy	57.1	20.5	10.5
Canada	25.4	11.3	10.4
Sweden	8.4	4.3	2.8

Sources: UN Monthly Bulletin on Statistics May 1986; OECD Labour Force Statistics 1/1986.

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